



United States Department of Agriculture
Rural Development

Community Connect Awards – South Dakota

2005 Grant Awards:

City of Timber Lake

Timber Lake, South Dakota

Grant Amount: \$393,309

Contact: Clyde Pfeifle, (605) 865-3400

County: Dewey

Timber Lake, population 443, intends to use grant funds to purchase the necessary equipment to build a Wireless Broadband Network (WBN) and provide free broadband service to critical community facilities including: schools, libraries, medical clinics, hospitals, higher education institutions, law enforcement, fire, and ambulance. Timber Lake will also create and operate a “state-of-the-art” community center that provides public access points, free broadband access, e-commerce incubator for small businesses, distance learning and high tech professional certifications to community residents.

2004 Grant Awards:

RC Communications

Corona, South Dakota

Grant Amount: \$544,099

Contact: Pamela Harrington, 605-637-5211

County: Roberts

RC Communications, Inc., will bring high-speed Internet access and cable television to the 112 people living in Corona, SD. The project will help Corona's residents develop new job skills, increase educational opportunities afforded to students, and provide expanded access to goods and services available over the Internet for the entire community. The project includes construction of a community center, to house publiclyavailable computers, fiber to the premises (FTTP) for all premises in Corona. Corona's leaders believe that broadband access, a new "every-day" essential for thriving communities, will help them to stem out-migration and stimulate economic growth.